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REORGANIZATION

We regret to announce that owing to the fact that the U.E.A. did not accept the proposals made, the negotiations referred to on page 23 of our last issue have broken down.

After full discussion of the situation, the Council meeting of the B.E.A. held on Jan. 28th passed the following resolution :—

“That this Council, having heard correspondence and reports concerning the reorganisation of the Movement, feels that there is no other course to pursue than to confirm the action already taken by the Association, and to proceed accordingly without delay.”

In this connection, and at the request of the requisite number of members, an Extraordinary General Meeting has been called for the 4th of March, and notice of this has been sent by post to all Corporate Members (*i.e.*, not Junior Members) whose subscriptions are not in arrear.

We have received the following statement from our late President (the President of I.C.K.), which clarifies the position.

OUR NEW ORGANISATION.

Rash and alarmist statements have occasioned some amount of suspicion and distrust that call for a clear explanation relative to the above subject. Let me put the whole matter before you as briefly as possible.

Although the Esperanto movement is an international affair, it has never possessed a democratically elected central authority. The old C.O. of Paris was financed by General Sebert, and he always called the tune. When his support was withdrawn, other means had to be found. The arrangement known as the Helsinki Contract created I.C.K., with Dr. Privat as president of that committee as well as of U.E.A. Rightly or wrongly, that gentleman seemed to regard I.C.K. as a very junior partner in the firm. It did useful work, but never attained the position which the National Societies had desired and expected.

In Antwerp, 1928, Dr. Privat proposed the election of a Commission to prepare a scheme for the improvement of the organisation. This proposal was accepted, and when I became his successor in I.C.K. I set the Commission to work. The scheme was signed and presented in Oxford, where Mr. Stettler emphatically refused to have anything to do with it, and denied that the U.E.A. representative on the

Commission, Mr. Jakob, had had any authority to add his signature. The project was therefore withdrawn, as without the consent of U.E.A. nothing could be done. Further schemes came forward, but met the same fate. The subject was placed on the agenda for discussion in Paris. Mr. Stettler announced that in future U.E.A. could only pay a sum of 500 swiss francs . . . less 400 to be repaid towards the cost of Handbook . . . towards the expenses of I.C.K. I regarded this as a withdrawal from the Helsinki Contract, and the meeting accepted my finding. K.R. discussed the matter, and decided to elect a Commission to prepare a Scheme and to carry it into effect. U.E.A. refused to take any part in this. They were an independent society, and although they still desired to have an equal voice in the control of the official movement, would not themselves become officialised. There was therefore no possible alternative but to set to work without them. The Commission did its work, and the new Scheme was at once accepted by nearly all the leading National Societies, our own included.

Then came a stoppage. Mr. Jakob interviewed in London our President, Secretary, and Business Manager. Certain proposals, of a give and take character, were put forward; and Mr. Jakob expressed his hope that they would be acceptable to U.E.A. With every desire to do all that was possible to secure harmony in our movement, I took the full responsibility of holding up the new scheme for a fortnight, so that U.E.A. could reconsider their position. Again a refusal; again a repudiation of Mr. Jakob's action. What could any normal-minded Esperantist ask further of us? At every turn we have worked for a compromise. We have been charged with rushing the whole matter, with bringing off a *coup d'état*. I have shown that the originator was *Dr. Privat himself*, when president of U.E.A. The subject has been discussed year after year, and U.E.A. knew that it would form part of the agenda for Paris. The movement has already suffered far too long through the procrastination which has taken place. We should remember that the cause is greater than the individual. The sentiment we ought to show is to the memory of Dr. Zamenhof. With all my heart I pray that you will be united in your approval of the new scheme. It needs many improvements; but the framework is there, and the necessary improvements will be made in due time. Britain must give a strong lead in this matter. Let us look at the whole thing in a true perspective, and not be led aside by mere fancies. Give your support now, and the future success of our movement will be assured.

JOHN MERCHANT.

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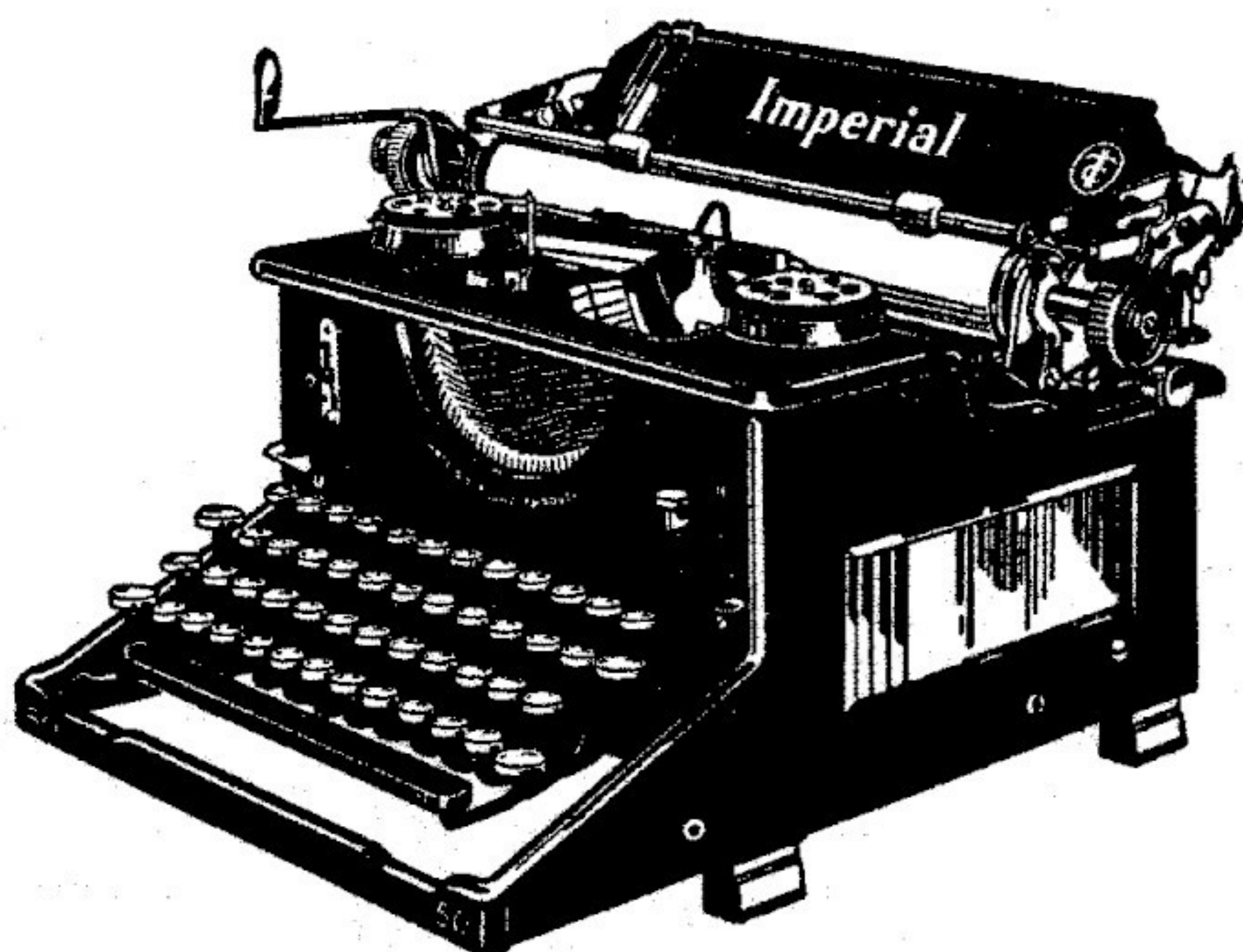
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THE BRITISH ESPERANTO ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL REPORT—1932

Report of the Council to be presented to the Members at the Annual Meeting to be held in Oxford on Saturday, 15th April, 1933, at 9.30 a.m.

The Council has the honour to present the following Report on the work of the Association for the year 1932.

As indicated in the Report for 1931, the Association was in a critical position at the end of that year owing to a reduction of business consequent on the general financial situation, and drastic steps were taken by the Council to prevent serious curtailment of the Association's activities. These included removal to cheaper offices (which it was fortunately possible to secure in the same building, thus avoiding a change of address); the enforcement of a rigorous control on publicity costs as such; and the acceptance of a generous and public-spirited offer from the senior staff to forgo for the time being part of their salaries, inadequate as these are at their best. It was considered that these economies should save some £250 in 1932, and actually, as will be seen from the Revenue Account, the final deficit is £293 less than in 1931. It may be added that the new offices have proved quite suitable for their purpose, and their tenancy thus allows of a continuance of economy on rent and rates—which economy in fact will be greater in 1933 than in 1932, as the full effect of the change was not in operation till April last.

The position at the end of the year was distinctly encouraging, in the sense that the scale of ordinary business had again become steady, though at a rather lower level than in recent years. The profit on sales—as distinct from turnover—was in fact actually higher than in 1931. Moreover, both membership subscriptions and donations have been well maintained, and the Council is grateful to old members for their fidelity to the Association in its difficulties. As will be seen below, much valuable propaganda and other work was carried on during the year, and there is every reason to expect that 1933 will see a marked advance in several directions.

It will be noticed that an item entitled "Salaries Auxiliary Fund" appears in the Revenue Account. This was a special fund, collected among the more "moneyed" section of the membership, in order to enable the Council to pay the reduced salaries of the staff and thus retain their valuable services in full; the sums thus obtained being additional to normal donations. The Fund will remain open during 1933, and whilst no further special appeal is contemplated the fund is commended to any members who may wish to furnish support by subscribing to it without prejudice to ordinary donations and guarantees.

Guarantee Fund.—The Association has for a long period had to depend for its successful working largely on the Guarantees so generously offered by a section of the membership. As, under present

circumstances, these amounts have to be called up in full, they are really equivalent to a kind of deferred donation. For the first time for many years the total sum guaranteed fell in 1932 below £400, and the Association was once more compelled to live to some extent on its capital, mainly by reduction of book stocks. Up to a point a reduction of the stock is not in itself a disadvantage, but it is undesirable that the capital should be further depleted in this way in 1933, and the Council trust that a Guarantee of at least £400 (and preferably £500) for the year may be forthcoming. New Guarantors will be very welcome. In saying all this the Council wish most heartily to thank the present Guarantors, and to assure them that they are a strong mainstay of the Association. The Council look forward to the time when no Guarantee will be required—but this is not yet, unless the success of the new schemes recently outlined in the Journal exceeds all immediate expectations.

The British Esperantist.—Under the painstaking and conscientious editorship of Mr. M. C. Butler, the Journal has appeared punctually and regularly, and has been supplied to many subscribing readers in addition to the membership as such; the total monthly circulation being now about 4,500. The editing of the journal in the condensed form necessitated by limitations of finance is a difficult task, and the Editor is to be warmly congratulated on the quality of the contents. A meed of sincere praise and gratitude is also due to Mr. W. Severn, who has continued to edit voluntarily the very useful section entitled “The Esperanto Student” and to organise the competitions which are one of its features.

Tra la Poŝto.—Most members appear to be still unaware of the existence of this practical publication—promoted by our Radio Committee—which regularly appears under the capable editorship of Mr. Alec Venture. The small subscription of 1/- per annum should ensure it a wider circulation among members and friends of the Association who wish to keep in touch with Esperanto broadcasting and to support the spread of this side of the movement. If only a quarter of the number of Esperantists who are known to possess wireless sets were to subscribe to *Tra la Poŝto*, it could be made into either a supplement to *The British Esperantist* or a separate printed gazette, instead of remaining in its present form of a circular.

Census.—The census of British Esperantists initiated by the Business Manager has already resulted in a register of over 4,100 members and non-members of the Association, and has furnished much information of present and potential utility, including the particulars of wireless sets mentioned above. A large number of census forms have still to come in, and any members who have not yet returned their forms will help the enterprise by doing so. The census has already led to a number of new members, and the re-enrolment of several who had lost touch with the Association in recent years, as well as to extra sales of books and so on.

Obituary.—The Council records with deep regret the loss during the year of the following members:—Miss R. Asquith, C. D. Baxandall,

J. A. Bent, Mrs. E. Bowkett, Robert I. Clegg, Mrs. Dickinson, G. N. Farmer, Miss H. Furber, Miss E. Fyson, Mrs. K. Hawksworth, W. J. Johnson, H. Lane, E. O. E. Leggatt, Rhodes Marriott, Robert Miles, Miss M. Moir, T. L. Rawlinson, F. G. Rowe, H. H. Short, F. J. Strong, Miss C. Taylor, and Major Watson. To the relatives of these, and to their intimate co-workers in the Cause, the Council tenders sincerest sympathy.

Publicity.—Towards the end of the year schemes were maturing for educational, commercial, and general propaganda on new lines, the effects of which will belong to later periods than 1932, but during the year itself much effective work was carried out. The motor car covered some 27,000 miles in the course of the twelve months, taking either the Secretary or the Business Manager to various parts of the country and helping to re-awaken or initiate interest and activity in many districts. The Secretary, in particular, was able by this means to address not only Groups and public meetings but also the pupils of many schools, his juvenile hearers in several cases numbering hundreds at a time. Tours with the car, usually combining propaganda with business, are now a regular and important part of the senior officers' work, and the continued help of Groups and members generally is desired in facilitating them.

The Education Committee continued its work during the year, and the competition for four free trips to the Paris Congress for teachers, initiated by the Committee, was duly carried through. A special plan for publicity in the educational world was in hand at the end of the year.

Motor Car.—In December a new car was ordered, the cost falling mainly on the fund accumulated for depreciation, and thus only slightly affecting current revenue. The old car had run in all nearly 100,000 miles during the four years of its useful life.

Congresses.—The Annual British Congress was held at Southport at Whitsuntide, and thanks to the admirable work of the local *samideanoj* and a good attendance it was both enjoyable and successful. An innovation, which will be repeated at Oxford next Easter, was a meeting organised by the Education Committee for teachers and others interested in Esperanto as a school subject. For the Paris Congress there were enrolled 173 persons from Great Britain (*i.e.*, over one-tenth of the total Congress membership), a figure exceeded only by France, Germany, and Holland; in existing circumstances the number was encouraging. A large proportion of these British members travelled in the party organised by the Business Manager, with a resulting profit of £30 to the funds of the Association.

Correspondence Courses.—It is appropriate to mention these courses, as the past year has been notable for the number of persons taking them, with a consequent record profit of nearly £40. They are in a double sense profitable to the Association, but this fact is due only to the untiring devotion of the Secretary, the Rev. W. J. Downes, M.A., B.D., and his band of willing helpers, to whom the sincerest thanks of the

Council and the members generally are due for this entirely voluntary work.

Staff.—The staff has been kept down to the lowest limits possible, and members can rest assured that they are indeed getting value for their money in this direction. The work at headquarters has been efficiently carried out, despite the many other matters needing the attention of the senior officers, and the frequent absence of one or the other on propaganda and other necessary journeys. The unremitting devotion of the Secretary, the Business Manager, and the Junior Staff merit the most hearty commendation and gratitude.

Organisation of the Movement.—As members are aware, the Association was a party at Paris to the inauguration of a new Federation of national Esperanto Societies, and despite the criticism levelled at the scheme in some quarters the Council believe that when in working order it will bring far-reaching results for the good of the cause. Members of the Association now automatically become members of the Federation, the constitution of which will be finally elaborated at Cologne in August next. The President and Business Manager were commissioned by the Council to represent the Association in the Paris negotiations, and the Business Manager was a member of the international Committee there appointed to draw up draft Statutes for the Federation itself.

Statistics (previous year's figures in parenthesis) :

Membership.—Fellows, 123 (128) ; Life Members, 25 (25) ; Life Fellows, 15 (15) ; Honorary Fellows, 4 (4) ; Members, 1,652 (1,810) ; Junior Members, 51 (60). Total, 1,870 (2,042).

Examinations.—*Preliminary* : Distinction, 33 (55) ; Pass, 44 (96) ; Fail, 29 (52). *Advanced* : Distinction, 22 (21) ; Pass, 21 (29) ; Fail, 19 (19). Total entries, 168 (272).

Royal Society of Arts Examinations.—*Elementary* : Pass, 58 (85) ; Fail, 24 (19). *Intermediate* : Pass, 49 (55) ; Fail, 6 (10). Total entries, 137 (169).

Office Correspondence.—Letters received, 16,086 (17,975) ; Letters sent, 32,460 (30,279) ; Circulars sent, 6,630 (7,425) ; Cuttings received, 1,162 (1,270).

Book Sales.—Textbooks, 13,720 (12,210) ; Dictionaries, 1,100 (1,986) ; Keys, 6,050 (6,770).

SALARIES AUXILIARY FUND

As will be seen by the Balance Sheet, it was only by the existence of this fund last year that the Association was able to retain the full service of its staff. The fund was readily contributed by a few of our "better off" friends, to whom our President presented the position in which we found ourselves. Although we are in a scarcely better position so far this year, matters appear somewhat more hopeful, and therefore no appeal of any description has been made ; but our President has been very delighted already to receive unsought contributions to a similar fund for this year, amounting to £60. (At the request of contributors no names will be mentioned.)

TRADING ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1932.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Stock, 1st January, 1932	1297	5	5	By Sales	1533	9	4
„ Purchases	927	11	9	„ Stock, 31st December, 1932	1032	13	0
„ Balance carried to Revenue Account	341	5	2				
	<u>£2,566</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>		<u>£2,566</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>

REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1932.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Salaries	664	15	8	By Gross Profit on Trading Account	341	5	2
Less Salaries Auxiliary Fund	115	8	7	„ Subscriptions of Fellows and Members	555	11	0
„ Rent and Rates				„ Affiliation Fees	57	1	6
„ Postages				„ Donations to General Funds	97	9	11
„ Printing and Stationery				„ Examinations (Net Income)	10	19	10
„ Office Expenses				„ Correspondence Courses (Net Income)	39	12	2
„ Publicity				„ Profit on Caravans	30	1	7
„ Contribution to Konstanta Reprezentantaro				„ Balance, being excess of Expenditure over Income for the year, carried to Balance Sheet	476	7	10
„ Sundry Expenses							
„ Depreciation (Office Furniture)							
„ Auditor's Fees							
„ Interest on Loans, etc. (Net)							
„ Radio Committee Expenses							
„ Premises Fund							
„ Motor Car Expenses (including depreciation)	170	6	0				
Less Donations	10	5	9				
„ The British Esperantist—Net Cost							
„ Bad Debts Reserve							
	<u>£1,608</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>£1,608</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>0</u>

BALANCE SHEET, AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1932.

DR.								CR.			
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.			£	s. d.	£	s. d.
To Sundry Creditors :—						By Cash :—					
Deposit Accounts				113	14 0	At Barclays Bank, Ltd., Bloomsbury Branch ..		402	9 0		
Trade and other Accounts				300	0 9	In Hand		2	19 7		
„ Loans				350	0 0					405	8 7
„ Subscriptions in Advance :—						„ Investment—Sheffield Corporation 5% 1947-57					
Membership		64	3 6			Stock				100	0 0
<i>The British Esperantist</i>		5	12 3			„ Debtors				315	13 0
				69	15 9	„ Office and Library Furniture		338	4 9		
„ Reserve for Bad and Doubtful Debts				14	7 1	Less Depreciation		20	0 0		
„ Special Funds :—										318	4 9
Life Subscriptions		315	6 0			„ Library				61	14 11
John Ellis Prize Fund		40	0 0			„ Stock on hand, as certified by the Secretary :—					
Aneurin Williams Prize Fund		20	0 0			Publications		1032	13 0		
John Pollen Memorial Fund		40	0 0			<i>The British Esperantist</i>		3	6 6		
Literary Committee Fund		9	7 7			Office Stationery		45	16 2		
Premises Fund		11	14 7			Examinations		15	17 3		
Motor Car Fund		90	0 0			Correspondence Courses		10	19 8		
Advertising Fund		26	11 7							1108	12 7
				552	19 9	„ Capital Account :—					
„ Capital (50,000 Shillings) Fund				1056	14 6	Balance at January 1st, 1932		203	11 1		
						Add Excess of Expenditure over					
[NOTE : Guarantee Fund, 1932		£373	13 6			Income for year 1932		476	7 10		
Received		£314	1 5							679	18 11
Due at 31/12/32		£59	12 1]			Deduct—					
						Guarantee Fund, 1931, received					
						in 1932		217	19 6		
						Guarantee Fund, 1932, received					
						in 1932		309	1 5		
						Guarantee Fund, 1933, received					
						in 1932		5	0 0		
										532	0 11
											147 18 0
											£2,457 11 10
											£2,457 11 10

Report of Auditor to Members of The British Esperanto Association (Incorporated).

I have audited the above Balance Sheet, dated 31st December, 1932. I have obtained all the information and explanations I have required. In my opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the affairs of the Association, according to the best of my information and the explanations given to me, and as shown by the books of the Association.

(Signed) G. H. COATES, F.C.I.S., F.A.A.

The British Esperanto Association

(INCORPORATED).

Registered Offices: 142 High Holborn,
London, W.C.1.

ANNUAL CIRCULAR.

Notice is hereby given that the
**Twenty-Ninth Annual General
Meeting of the British Esperanto
Association (Incorporated), will be
held on Saturday, 15th April, 1933,
in the RANDOLPH HOTEL,
OXFORD, at 9.30 a.m. prompt.**

AGENDA.

- (a) Receive the Annual Report of the Council.
- (b) Receive the Annual Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet.
- (c) Receive the Report of the Secretary as Returning Officer on the election of Officers and Ordinary Councillors.
- (d) Elect one or more Auditors for the ensuing year.
- (e) Receive Report as to Guarantee Fund for the year 1932.
- (f) Consider as to place for holding the next Annual General Meeting.
- (g) Consider, and if necessary take action, with reference to any other business or motion of which due notice may have been given, or which the majority of those present and entitled to vote may determine to entertain, not being inconsistent with the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Notice is also hereby given that the first meeting of the new Council will be held at the conclusion of the said General Meeting, at the same place, for the appointment of Sub-Committees and for other routine business.

The following is a list of the present Council:—

President:

Robert Robertson, F.B.E.A.

Vice-Presidents:

J. J. Boutwood, J.P., F.B.E.A.

Prof. W. E. Collinson, M.A., PH.D.

W. M. Page, S.S.C., F.B.E.A.

Hon. Secretary:

Vacant (*pro tem*).

Hon. Treasurer:

Edgar de Knevett.

Ordinary Councillors:

Due to retire in 1933:

W. M. Appleby.

Miss J. Baird, F.B.E.A.

B. E. Long.

Miss M. H. Rook.

Due to retire in 1934:

P. Blaise.

W. H. Matthews.

K. R. C. Sturmer.

E. W. Willcocks, F.B.E.A.

Due to retire in 1935:

J. D. Applebaum, F.B.E.A.

R. Robertson, F.B.E.A.

E. H. Kersley.

Miss V. Nixon, F.B.E.A.

Delegate Councillors:

Group Councillors—

Aberdeen	..	E. H. Lawton.
Accrington	..	H. E. Roberts.
Banbury	..	Mrs. Gillett.
Barry	..	Miss E. Baldwin Smith.
Bath	..	H. Barlow.
Birmingham	..	Miss M. L. Blake.
Bournville	..	Miss E. A. Ashby.
Blackburn	..	F. Savage.
Bradford	..	Miss M. E. Parker.
Brighton	..	Miss E. Dovey.
Bristol	..	W. F. Westmancote.
Burntisland	..	J. Rodger.
Cheltenham	..	A. Yates.
Croydon	..	E. K. Jayne.
Darlington	..	G. Mell.
Dundee	..	A. R. Watt.
Eastbourne	..	Lt.-Col. Robinson.
Edinburgh	..	C. H. H. Satchell.
Glasgow	..	G. Stewart.
Partick	..	J. Harvey.
Grimsby	..	R. J. Yarworth.
Hastings	..	W. J. Turner.
Huddersfield	..	J. H. Fitton.
Keighley	..	T. A. Riley.
Kettering	..	A. E. Smith.
Kingston-on-Thames	..	Mrs. Kendrick.
Letchworth	..	Miss E. Young.
Liverpool	..	J. D. Applebaum.
London (Central)	..	Miss R. A. Davey.
Balham	..	Miss A. L. Borel.
Bethnal Green	..	H. Tingey.
Ealing	..	Mrs. Nicholson.
East Ham	..	E. K. Osmotherly.
North	..	P. L. Wright.
Luton	..	W. A. Gething.
Manchester	..	I. H. Wright.
Newcastle	..	J. Merchant.
Nottingham	..	T. G. Briggs.
Portsmouth	..	E. B. Johnston.
Reading	..	G. L. Preedy.
Romford	..	W. M. Goodes.
St. Helens	..	F. R. Pope.
Sheffield	..	G. W. Roome.
Southend-on-Sea	..	Miss M. E. Young.
Tunbridge Wells	..	Rev. W. J. Downes.
Weymouth	..	C. G. Chinn.
West Hartlepool	..	Miss E. Squire.

Federation Councillors :

<i>Bristol & Somerset</i> ..	Miss G. Rose. F. Winzer.
<i>East Midland</i> ..	E. G. Beves. T. G. Briggs.
<i>Lancashire & Cheshire</i>	Prof. W. E. Collinson. J. D. Applebaum.
<i>North Eastern</i> ..	H. Rendle. F. Sutcliffe.
<i>Scottish</i> ..	Miss A. Nicol. Robert Partridge.
<i>South Eastern</i> ..	G. M. Hayton. Miss E. Dovey.
<i>Southern</i> ..	E. Long. E. W. Sloper.
<i>South Midland</i> ..	C. G. Chinn. W. A. Gething.
<i>S. Wales & Monmouth</i>	T. E. A. Southern.
<i>South Western</i> ..	R. W. J. Norton.
<i>West Midland</i> ..	F. B. Bourdillon. I. H. Wright.
<i>Yorkshire</i> ..	J. H. Fitton

Group Representatives :

<i>Barry</i> ..	Mrs. M. I. Taylor.
<i>Bradford</i> ..	J. T. Holmes.
<i>Burntisland</i> ..	J. Rodger.
<i>Croydon</i> ..	C. Steel.
<i>Dundee</i> ..	Mrs. H. Johnstone.
<i>Edinburgh</i> ..	Misses J. Caw, H. M. Tait ; Messrs. J. French, W. Harvey, Dr. W. A. McK. Gibson, J. M. Warden.
<i>Glasgow</i> ..	Miss I. Craig, Miss Yuile, D. Kennedy, G. F. Ramsay.
<i>London :—</i>	
<i>London Club</i> ..	B. Long.
<i>North</i> ..	Mrs. Weston. R. Murray.
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<i>Welwyn Garden City</i> ..	C. G. Chinn.

Members of Committees, etc. :

Correspondence Course Tutors : A panel of nineteen experienced teachers.
Secretary : The Rev. W. J. Downes, M.A., B.D.

Education Committee : Miss V. C. Nixon (Sec.), F. B. Bourdillon, M. C. Butler, B. E. Long, E. G. Mawson, Mrs. Solomon, Nowell Smith, K. R. C. Sturmer, A. Thorburn.

Examiners : W. Bailey, Miss Briggs, D. R. Duncan, G. M. Hayton, W. B. Johnson, G. W. Roome, I. H. Wright.

Executive Committee : The President, The Hon. Treasurer, The Hon. Secretary, Miss M. L. Blake, F. B. Bourdillon, H. W. Holmes, B. E. Long, W. H. Matthews, G. L. Preedy, Miss M. H. Rook, K. R. C. Sturmer, E. W. Willcocks, P. L. Wright.

Hon. Presidents (Joint) : J. Merchant, J. M. Warden.

Hon. Solicitor : G. M. Hollis.

Hon. Vice-Presidents : G. D. Buchanan, Miss E. A. Lawrence.

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Joint Examination Committee : D. R. Duncan, G. M. Hayton, W. B. Johnson, E. G. Mawson, F. E. Wadham, I. H. Wright.

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Radio Committee : W. H. Matthews (Sec.), H. W. Holmes, A. C. Oliver, A. Venture, F. E. Wadham, Dr. A. H. Wortman.

"The British Esperantist" : M. C. Butler, *Editor*.

Trustees of the Association : J. J. Boutwood, J. Merchant, R. Robertson.

LIST OF NOMINATIONS, 1933-4.

For the Election of Officers and Councillors.

President : *

Vice-Presidents (3) :

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MORTOJ

Arnott.—Je 18 Januaro, S-ro W. H. Arnott, F.B.E.A. Li estis dum multaj jaroj forta laboranto por nia movado en Hull, kaj tre konata ankaŭ en la rondoj scienca kaj framasona.

Lane.—*Dubert*, sur p. 36, devus esti *Hubert*.

Mudie.—Je 9 January, ĉe 13 Tennis Road, Hove, S-ro Alfred Mudie, 88-jara. S-ro Mudie estis la patro de nia Prezidinto, H. B. Mudie. Li estis forta subtenanto de la Bakona aŭtoreco de la verkoj atribuitaj al Shakespeare; svedenborgano, kaj spiritisto (li estis konvinkita, ke li ricevis mesaĝon de Francis Bacon, kiu rekonis en li disĉiplon), kaj lojale tamen sentrude subtenis siajn idealojn.

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DU IRLANDAJ KANTOJ

KATE KEARNEY*

Ho, ĉu vi ne konas Kate Kearney ?
Ŝi loĝas en bela Killarney.

Jen estas la ver'—
Embuskas danĝer'
En ĉiu rigard' de Kate Kearney.

Internan petolon kaŝante,
Modeste briladas konstante
La sorĉa radi',
Fatala magi',
En ĉiu okul' de Kate Kearney.

Ho, se vi renkontos Kate Kearney
Loĝantan en bela Killarney,
Kuradu vi for,
Perdiĝos la kor',
Se vin alridetos Kate Kearney.

COLLEEN DHAS CRUTHEN NA MOE

(*The pretty girl milking her cow*)

En bela somera mateno
Triladis la birdoj sen fin',
Mi vidis dum frua promeno
Knabinon kun bruna bovin'.

Ŝi kantis per voĉo anĝela—
Mi staris aŭskulte—Sed ho !
Pezega mi sentis la koron
Pro Kolin ĝas krue na mo.†

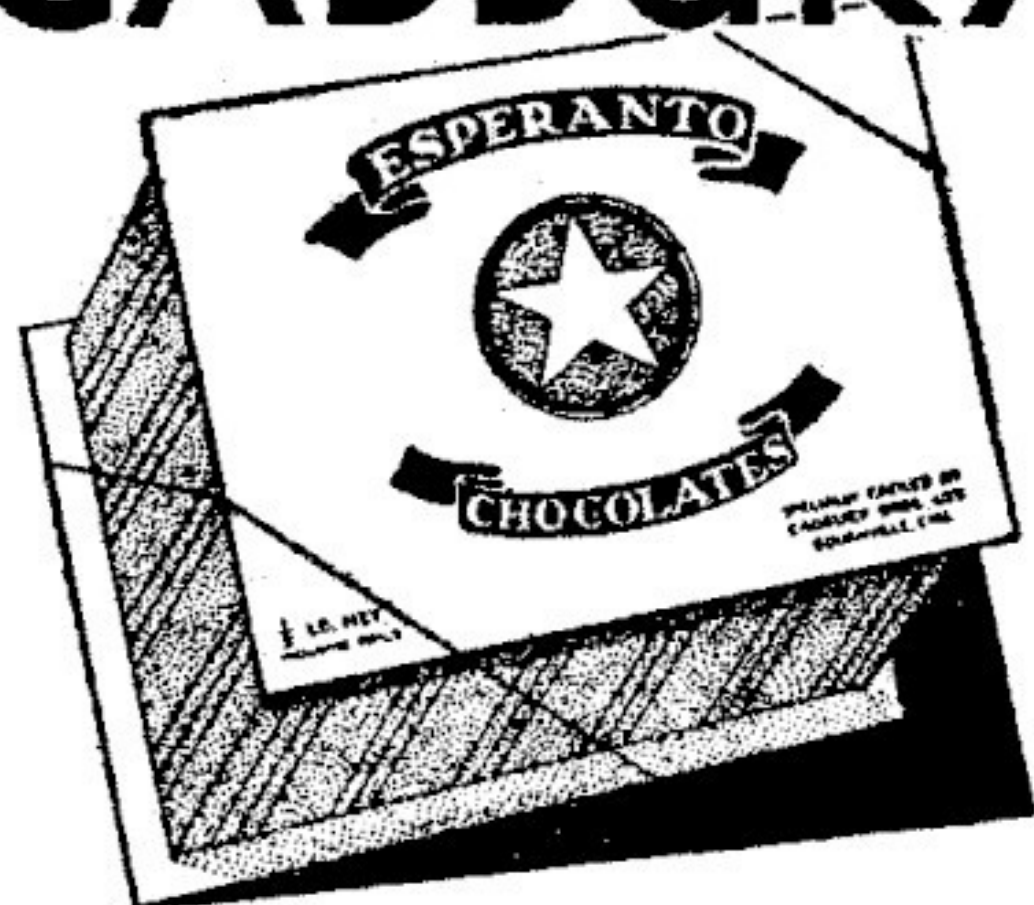
Timeme mi tiam aliris :
"Bontagon, belega fraŭlin' !"
Rozvange al mi ŝi rediris
"Sinjoro ! Ne moku vi min.
Mi ne estas altrangulino,
Ke min vi admiru, sed ho !
Mi estas nur junmelkistino,
Nur Kolin ĝas krue na mo !"

Briladas neniuj juveloj
Kun gloro de vi en la mond',
Ho suno de mia ĉielo,
Ridetu en ama respond'.
Ja nulas eĉ lamp' Aladina,
Aŭ famo de monda hero',
Kontraŭ vivo en propra dometo
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Morning : B.E.A. Annual Meeting.

Afternoon : Meeting of Teachers and others interested in Esperanto and Education. Subject : "The Present Position of Esperanto in the Schools of Great Britain." *Speaker* : Montagu C. Butler, M.R.S.T. *Chairman* : Nowell Smith, M.A. (formerly Headmaster of Sherborne School).

Evening : Congress Ball. Tickets 2/- (including running buffet).

Sunday, April 16th.—

Morning : Diservo in New College Chapel, led by Mr. W. Severn.

Congress Photograph. Congress Lunch (Tickets 3/6 each).

Afternoon : Fakaj Kunvenoj. *Evening* : Concert.

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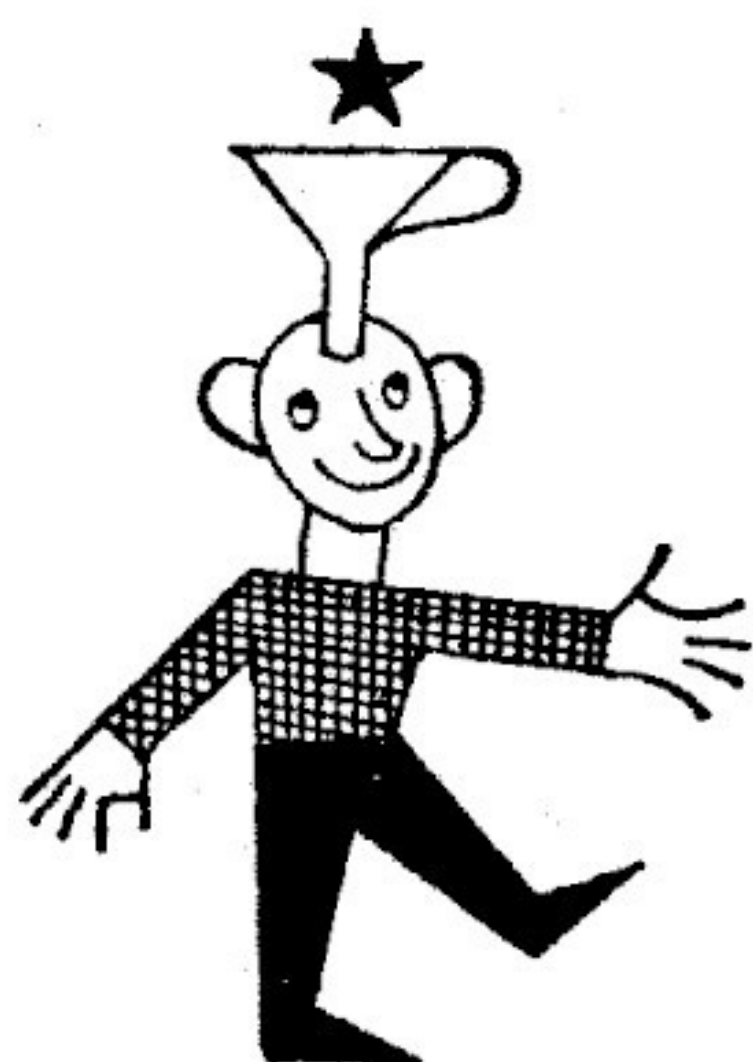
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Bristol and Somerset.—Je 4 Feb. oni kunvenis en Bath, kaj trafe diskutis proponojn por regiona propagando. Vespere: bona muzika programo. Venonta kunveno: Frome, Somerset, je 2 Sept.

East Midland.—Tre ĝuinda konferenco okazis en Nottingham, 4 Feb. Posttagmeze ĉeestis nur 37, sed vespere 200. Parolis S-ro Ingham el Chesterfield, kaj la Nottinghamanoj prezentis teatraĵon. La Jarkunveno okazos 29 Aprilo, en Derby.

Lancashire and Cheshire.—La 98-a konferenco okazis 21 Jan. en Accrington. La urbestro faris bonvenigan kaj kuraĝigan parolon. Oni elektis oficistojn por la venonta jaro. Oni salutis kun kontento la raporton, ke laŭ konversacio en Londono kun S-ro Jakob oni povas esperi kontentigan solvon de la organiza problemo. Proksima konferenco en St. Helens, je 1 Aprilo.

Northants.—Aperis la unua Bulteno, kun regularo, kaj alvoko al laboro. Sek., A. W. Norris, 32 Doddington Rd., Wellingboro.

South Wales and Monmouth.—Je 21 Jan. kunveno en Neath, kun ĉeesto rekorde granda. Rutinaj aferoj kaj diskuto pri la organiza demando plenigis la posttagmezon. Poste teo, kaj teatraĵo bonege ludita de la grupo en Neath.

West Midland.—Sukcesa konferenco 21–22 Jan. en Bournville. 44 ĉeestis la laborkunsidon, kaj 50 gejunuloj en aparta ĉambro aŭskultis paroladon de F-ino E. Goldsmith (La Junula Kunveno estas aranĝo nova, kaj rekomendinda al aliaj federacioj). Dimanĉe: prelego en Cafe Royal pri Esperanta poezio. Venonta konferenco, kredeble 3–5 Junio, en Cheltenham.

Yorkshire.—Je 17 Jan., en Leeds, okazis la ĉiujara kunveno, sub prezido de S-ro Roome. Post la aferkunveno okazis koncerto, kun du teatraĵoj de Leeds Drama Society, kaj kostumdancoj de lernantoj de F-ino Kershaw.

MOVADO GRUPA, LOKA

Birmingham.—Je 26 Feb. S-ro T. Footman parolos en Cafe Royal, Union St., 3.30, pri "La religiaj sistemoj de la mondo."

Blackburn.—La kunvenoj ĉe 13 Victoria St. nun okazas marde, je 8.0.

Cheltenham.—Nova Sek.: F-ino H. Beardsworth, 255 Gloucester Rd.

Edinburgh.—Mar. 1, Teatraĵo. 8, Socia kunveno. 15, Psika Scienco. 22, Bicikla libertempo ĉe la landlimb (lumbildoj). 29, Ekzamenoj.

Glasgow.—Mar. 6, Visto (1ŝ.). 13, Superstiĉoj pri Dek tri. 20, Ekzamenoj. 27, Jarkunveno.

Harrow.—*Kursoj.*—Lunde: 8.0, 62 Eastcote Lane, S. Harrow. Marde: Kooperativa Halo, Mason's Avenue, Wealdstone. Oni bonvenigas vizitantojn. Sek., H. Milsom, 37 Devonshire Rd.

Ilford.—Je 23 Jan. Novjara Festo. Ĉeestis 50, Bonega programo (muziko, visto, karakterlegado, diskutado, dancado).

Leeds.—La Jarkunveno okazis 21 Jan. Bonega prezento de *English Spoken Here*: S-roj Tattersall, Blakey, Shepherd; kaj F-inoj King, Riley, kaj Langrick, lertege ludis. Poste angla komedio—entute notinda elmontro de talento. Knabinoj el Burley Lawn Council School kantis kaj deklamis Esperante. Ni gratulas F-inon Wilkinson, ilian instruiston, pro ilia bonega progreso.

Lincoln.—Prelego antaŭ la loka Rotaria Klubo (Jan.), de Pastro G. A. Ferguson.

London Club.—Mar. 3, Festo kaj Danco (6p.). 7, Vojaĝo en Italujo. 10, Ŝaradoj. 14, Visto (1ŝ.). 17, Pri Belgujo. 21, "Mi plendas pri...". 24, En Skotlando (lumbildoj). 28, Anglaj popoldancoj. *Vagada Klubo*: 12, Chipstead Valley. 26, Potters Bar, N. Mimms, London Colney. *Rondo pri Int. Aferoj*: 6.45, ĉe 8 Tottenham Court Road. Mar. 6, La Himalaja Montaro. 20, "Per korespondo."

London. Diservo en Esperanto okazos Mar. 12, je 3.15, en la preĝejo St. Ethelburga, 72 Bishopsgate. Parolos S-ro A. H. Constance, F.B.E.A. Solkantos Dorothy Constance.

London.—Lavender Hill.—F-ino E. A. Mann prelegis 24 Jan. al St. Mark's Debata Societo. Ĉeestis 40. Oni montris multan intereson.

London, North.—Mar. 3, Intima babilado. 10, Kuriozaĵoj. 17, Visto (6p.). 24, Teatraĵo. 31, Fraŭla vespero.

Manchester.—Mar. 2, Tuberkulozo. 9, Novzelando. 16, Korpa kulturo. 23, La lagoj de Killarney (lumbildoj). 30, Paroladoj de la lernantaro.

Meltham.—*The Hub*, loka skoltorgano, enhavas artikolojn pri nia lingvo.

Oxford.—Je 10 Jan Ges. Nowell Smith, Ges. Bourdillon, kaj Ges. McCullum faris akcepton en la Halo de New College al 120 gastoj. La St. Mary Winton Kvarteto kantis en Esperanto. F-ino Nixon parolis pri sia ĵusa vizito al Rusujo, kaj kun S-roj Sturmer kaj Du Merton prezentis specimenon de Esperanta interparolado. La gastoj montris multan intereson, kaj ni esperas bonan frukton el ĉi tiu bonega semado.

Paisley.—Marto 7, Vizitoj el Partick. 14, Pacifismo. 21, La presarto. 28, Nunaj aferoj.

Salford.—Mar. 1, Tra Germanujo. 8, Ludoj. 15, Provekzamenoj. 22, Ekzamenoj.

Watford.—Je 3 Jan. S-ro H. Moy Thomas parolis antaŭ 120 Kooperativaninoj. La prelego, ankaŭ la kantoj kun gitara akompanaĵo, estis tre ŝatataj. Oni vendis sufiĉe multe da libroj, kaj esperas formi kurson.

MOVADO FAKA

Edukada.—La Kongreso de la Sindikata Federacio pri Laika Instruado, en Bordeaux, 4-6 Aŭgusto, unuanime voĉdonis rekomendojn, ke ĉiuj geinstruistoj en la Federacio lernu Esperanton, kaj ke Esperanto estu instruata en ĉiuj lernejoj. Similan rezolucion unuanime voĉdonis la Nacia Sindikato de Francaj Geinstruistoj en Clermont-Ferrand, 3-5 Aŭgusto.

Je 13 Septembro la Itala Ministrejo de Publika Instruado skribis, ke libervolaj kursoj de Esperanto estas ĉiam permesataj en Italaj lernejoj.

Komerca.—Alvenis alloga prospekto, Esperante presita, pri la Printempa Foiro en Leipzig (Komenco: 5 Marto, 1933), lokota en 39 foir-palacoj. Esperantista renkontejo: Johannisplatz 5, Etaĝo II. Informojn ĉe Leipziger-Messamt, Esperanto-Fako, Markt 4, Leipzig C1.

La Unio de la Internaciaj Specimenfoiroj decidis fari enketon ĉiulande pri la utileco de Esperanto por la internacia komerco.

Skoltina.—La semajna gazeto *The Guide* enhavas, en la lasta semajne de la monato, suplementon *The Ranger*. Komencante kun la Februara numero, tiu enhavos Esperantan paĝon. Sciigu viajn skoltinajn amikojn.

Saka.—La Esperanta Societo en Beograd, Jugo-slavujo, fondis Sakan Sekcion (Adreso: Hotel London), kiu deziras rilati kun ĉiu Esperantista sakamanto por reciproka helpo pri ŝakaferoj.

Scienca.—Responde al Esperanta cirkulero sendita de la Universitato de Valencio (kies Naturhistoria Muzeo forbrulis), la Naturhistoria Fako de la Birminghama Artgalerio donacis al la Valencia Universitato belan kolekton de moluskoj, kun 300 plantoj.

VARIA

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El letero ricevita.—“Vi demandas, kiel mi lernis Esperanton. Mi havis amikon, kiu lernis kun mi. Ni promenis kune, kaj faris regulon, ke se unu el ni diros unu vorton angle, tiu devos aĉeti la trinkaĵojn. Ho, ve! Ni ambaŭ estis ĵurnalistoj, do la mono kaj la biero same forrapidis. Sed ni multe lernis. Ĉi tiu metodo, tamen, ne estas la plej bona por la sinjorinoj.”

Flirto Esperanta.—Kartludo de “Edzperanto.” Eldonita de N. Šapiro, Nowolipki 8, Varsovio, Polujo. Prezo ne montrita.

Rio de Janeiro.—Ilustrita gvidlibro en 5 lingvoj (inkluzive de Esperanto), eldonita de Brazilia Turisma Klubo. Ricevebla por unu respondkupono ĉe Brazilia Ligo Esperantista, Av. Marechal Floriano 212, Rio. Esperanta teksto bonstila; angla teksto plena de amuzaj eraroj ĉiuspecaj.

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Sidis sur tufo,
Mangante selaktan kazeon;
Sed kuris pro timo,
Ĉar en la proksimo
Si vidis gigant-araneon.

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INFANA RAKONTO

LA STRANGE-KOLORITA PRINCINO

Kiam la Reĝo de NENIU-SCIAS-KIE aranĝis naskiĝfeston por sia filineto, li anoncis al la Reĝino, ke li intencas forgesi neniun el la feaj baptopatrinoj.

Li elpensis ĝentilan invitilon, kompreneble per la helpo de la edzino, la ĉefministro, kaj la kortego. Ĝi estis tiel bonstila, ke nenia baptopatrino eĉ pensus pri rifuzo. Kontraŭe, ĉiu volus elserĉi bonegan donacon.

Fine venis la festotago. Sur la kastelaj muroj gaje flertis flagoj, kaj sin ornamis la regnanoj.

Abundis ĉiuj specoj de fruktoplenaj kukoj, kaj apud la tabloj troviĝis siteloj da limonado.

Kvar ridetantaj baptopatrinoj kune eniris, por ke neniun ofendiĝu. Sendube, la Reĝo estis zorgema.

Paĝieto ricevis la donacojn sur kusenegon, kaj jen la unua malfeliĉo.

Antaŭ la Reĝo li haltis, sed, bedaŭrinde, la planko estis tre glata. Ekfalas la paĝieto, la kusenego, kaj la donacoj.

Tri baptopatrinoj rapide kliniĝis kaj kune frapis la kapojn, sed ĉiu triumfe ekkaptis donacon.

Iomete spiromankaj, ili mem donis la donacojn al la princineto.

"Jen la koloro de la okuloj !"

"Jen ĉarma haŭto !"

"Mi donas al vi la plej belan hararon."

Tiam donis la kvara baptopatrino sian donacon.

"Bonhumoron kaj la povon ĉiam ridi agrable, mi donas al vi." Vartistino forportis la infaneton, kaj komenciĝis la festeno.

Adiaŭinte la gastojn, la Reĝino iris al sia filineto.

Subite, tra la palaco sonis kriegoj, kaj la Reĝo, la ĉefministro, kaj la korteganoj kuregis por sciigi.

"Ho ve !" ploris la Reĝino.

La Reĝo ekrigardis sian infaneton. "Ho ve !" li ekkriis kaj eltiris la harojn, ĉar oran haŭton, ruĝetajn okulojn kaj bluan hararon havis la kompatinda etulino. Sendube la baptopatrinoj kaptis la malĝustajn donacojn, sed ili jam foriris, kaj estis tute ne eble revenigi ilin, ĉar oni scias, ke baptopatrinoj aperas nur je festoj.

Tuj la eta paĝio estis elpelita el la lando. Sed, spite de la neordinaraj koloroj, la princino elmontris bonhumoron dum sia kreskado, kaj kiam ŝi junuliniĝis, multaj aspiris al ŝia mano, ĉar famoj pri la mezuro de ŝia heredaĵo disvastiĝis tra aliaj landoj.

Kiam la aspirantoj ŝin rigardis, ili nur vidis la strangajn kolorojn, kaj tute ne trovis la bonhumoron kaj la ofte aperantajn kavetojn sur la oraj vangoj.

Ŝi ridetis pro la diversaj pretekstoj, kiujn ili elpensis, por ke ili forlasu ŝin, sed nur la servistino sciis, ke ĉiunokte kovras la kapkusenon princinaj larmoj.

(*Daŭrigota*)

MICHAEL BERKELEY.

"Kiel via patro sciigis, ke ni uzis lian aŭton hieraŭ ?"

"La klarigo estas simpla. Ĉu vi memoras la viron, kiun ni faligis ?"

"Jes."

"Nu, tiu estas la patro."

Patrino : "Hodiaŭ estas via naskotago. Kion mi faru por vi ?"

Joĉjo : "Batu Vilĉjon."

Serĝento : "Ĉu vi razis vin hodiaŭ ?"

Soldato : "Jes, serĝento."

Serĝento : "Kaj ĉu vi uzis spegulon ?"

Soldato : "Jes, serĝento."

Serĝento : "Nu, morgaŭ uzu razilon. Ĝi estas pli akra."

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Book Purchases	109	1	8	56	18	1
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It is necessary to explain that the increase in general expenditure is due to a special cause, which will soon disappear. The other figures may be considered reasonably satisfactory in these difficult times.

24th British Esperanto Congress.—

With this issue of *The British Esperantist* is enclosed a booking and lodgings order form. Those intending to be present should book as early as possible, in order that the local committee should know for how many they should prepare.

Ĉe Course in Oxford.—Readers are reminded that the Congress will be followed by a Ĉe Course, conducted by Pastro Ĉe himself. The fee is 10/—, and bookings should be sent to the **B.E.A.** without delay, as accommodation is limited.

Our Party to Cologne.—If we intend to arrange for a special ship, we shall have to do so shortly. Consequently, if you are thinking of going with us, please let us know at the earliest possible moment.

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C. C. G.

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EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

In accordance with a postal notice duly sent to every paid-up member an Extraordinary General Meeting of the British Esperanto Association Inc. was held at 27 Hart Street, London, W.C.1, on Saturday, March 4th, at 3 p.m., when the following Extraordinary Resolution was moved by the Rev. W. J. Downes and seconded by Mr. J. H. Fitton :—

“That, in the best interests of the Esperanto Movement, the support by this Association of the Proposed Federation of National Societies be made conditional upon—

(a) the abandonment of the word ‘Universala’ in the title of the proposed Federation; and

(b) the abandonment by the proposed Federation of that part of its scheme which provides for a system of Delegates and the publication of a Year-Book, at least until such an agreement has been arrived at with the Universala Esperanto-Asocio as will obviate the necessity of these activities being duplicated.”

Messrs. P. Blaise, J. D. Applebaum, and G. L. Preedy supported the resolution. Messrs. P. C. Oliver, P. L. Wright, and B. E. Long opposed. A poll being demanded, the count showed 218 for the resolution and 451 against. The motion was therefore declared lost.

During the discussion Mr. C. C. Goldsmith read the following statement of facts to date :—

It is hardly necessary to point out that for many years there has been great dissatisfaction with the organisation of the Esperanto movement. This has been reflected at the annual universal congresses, in which, as was pointed out by Mr. Merchant in the March *B.E.*, the subject has constantly been on the agenda.

At the British Esperanto Congress in Southport last May, on the proposal of Mr. Bourdillon, seconded by Mr. Applebaum (both U.E.A. delegates), it was decided to set up a sub-committee to draft a scheme for possible re-organisation, and to inform I.C.K. that the B.E.A. would put forward proposals in Paris. This sub-committee duly met, and drafted the proposals which appeared in *The B.E.* for August last. *No objections to these proposals were received from any source.*

On arrival in Paris the British delegates were faced with two new facts: (a) That owing to financial difficulties the U.E.A. would in future be unable to pay its customary subvention to I.C.K.; (b) The French, German, and Italian Societies had also drafted proposals of their own.

The representatives of the British, French, German, and Italian Societies, therefore, met together and drafted a new scheme based on the principles common to all four proposals, and decided to present this joint scheme at the meeting of K.R. In view of the fact that the inability of the U.E.A. to pay its customary subvention